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CM lays foundation

for Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Statue

Aramane Horata Samithi stages protest against statue; Another group stages counter protest

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is seen performing the** Bhoomi Puja **for the installation of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's statue in city this morning as Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, H.P. Manjunath and M.K. Somashekar, Corporator Snake Shyam and others look on. Picture right shows members of Aramane Ulisi Horata Samithi staging protest near Mysore Court Complex against the installation of the statue.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (PM&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah laid the foundation stone for the installation of a statue of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji in front of JSS Mahavidyapeeta near Gun House Circle here this morning. Arriving at the venue at around d 11.45 am, Siddharamaiah performed the *Bhoomi Puja* for the statue to be constructed to commemorate the 102nd Jayanti Mahotsava of the Swamiji. He later proceeded towards a stage programme.

A host of dignitaries including District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs M.K. Somashekar, G.T. Devegowda, Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad, Member of Parliament R. Dhruvanarayana, Corporator Snake Shyam, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji were present.

The 11-ft statue will be made out of *panchaloha* and the statue will face north. The diameter of the circle where the statue will be installed will be 50 ft and the total height of the statue from the ground will be 26.6 ft. All the four sides of the Circle will have steps and will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.

As part of the design, the life, achievements and messages of Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji will be engraved on all the four sides of the pedestal.

Also, at the bottom of the pedestal, an octagonal platform will be created where the contributions of Rajendra Swamiji towards art, education, health, spirituality will be presented through embossing art.

(See CM on page 8)

Prof. Ram Rajasekharan transferred

Jitendra Jadhav is in-charge CFTRI Director

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (NNN)- Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) Director Prof. Ram Rajasekharan has been transferred to New Delhi.

In a sudden development that took everyone in the premier food laboratory in the country by surprise, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, through a fax message, said Prof. Ram Rajasekharan has been transferred in "public interest."

He has been posted to CSIR Headquarters in New Delhi as Director (Special Projects and Initiatives). **Jitendra J. Jadhav, Director, CSIR National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru,** has been asked to hold additional charge as Director of CFTRI.

Prof. Rajasekharan

Jitendra Jadhav

According to sources in city-based CFTRI, there was a call from the Joint Secretary, Administration, CSIR, New Delhi, yesterday at 9 am to the Director's Office. *"Did you get the fax?"*

(See RAJASEKHARAN on page 9)

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	93.52 ft
Yesterday	92.65 ft
Inflow	16,540 cusecs
Outflow	8,939 cusecs
Last year on this date	92.78 ft

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.18 ft
Inflow	9,760 cusecs
Outflow	11,760 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,272.25 ft
Inflow	10,600 cusecs
Outflow	2,000 cusecs

HONEY TRAP

26-year-old girl held; hunt on for other accused

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RK&KS)- Close on the heels of Nanjangud Police busting an eight-member honey-trapping gang including a woman (three of the gang members including the woman are still absconding) last week, the Mysuru South Rural Police have arrested a woman on charges of honey-trapping in city.

The arrest was made on Sunday (Aug. 27) morning and the Police have seized a Hyundai i10 car, Rs. 5,000 cash and a mobile phone from her. The woman has been identified as 26-year-old Mala, a resident of Ashokapuram. The Police arrested her near People's Park, close to Suburban Bus Stand while she was waiting for her accomplices.

Accused Mala

(See HUNT on page 9)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Tuesday 29th August 2017

Winning battles, losing war

Demographers, keeping track of the changing numbers of human populations, both globally and country-wise, have said that the present count having reached 7.5 billion (750 crore) in April this year is estimated to increase to 11.2 billion (112 crore) in the year 2100. The annual rate of rise in the global population, peaking to 2.06 per cent between 1965-70, then declining to 1.18 percent between 2010-15, is projected to decline to 0.13 per cent by the year 2100. Further, the total number of *annual* births is expected to remain constant at 135 million while annual deaths which currently numbers 56 million are expected to increase to 80 million by 2040. The point to be noted is that more human beings will colonise the planet year after year prompting one to raise the issue of *How many people can fit on earth?*

In the backdrop of life expectancy during the Middle Ages put at 10-12 years, humans needed a reproduction rate of 80 births per 1,000 people per year in order to survive, a figure that looks very high by today's standards, namely 23 births per 1,000 people per year. Also, half the number of people globally are of 30.1 years age (males: 29.4 years and females 30.9 years). Add to this scenario, life expectancy being in the range of 70-75 years currently, the question *Can the earth support the growing population (with increased longevity)?* looms large and answers need to be sought, now and hereafter.

Human beings have experienced a rather chequered journey over the last 50,000 years factored by the famed principle of *'survival of the fittest.'* Given the fixed total space of the planet and the steadily *shrinking* living space per human being year on year, as in the case of the world's two most populous countries, namely China and India, the *connect* between the human population and the life-supporting resources, both renewable and non-renewable, is currently getting *fragile* at an unprecedented pace. The optimists may remain unperturbed with their conviction about human ingenuity to bail out from hopeless situations. The pessimists, being seen as doomsday advocates may not visualise happy days ahead for all life forms on earth.

While one need not yet despair in the matter of losing out in foreseeable future, one is obliged to imagine that redemption from that fear is on the way through discoveries and inventions such as fire, wheel, electricity, fossil fuels, digital technologies and so on that have come in handy for human beings to go on without giving up. *Battles* have been won over centuries, but heightened efforts are needed not to lose *wars* ahead.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHAT KEEPS THE PRESIDENT BUSY: ***President Ram Nath Kovind is busy making himself at home at his new residence, the Rashtrapati Bhavan. On Saturday, Kovind visited the apiary on the President's Estate on the occasion of World Honey Bee Day. At present, there are 200 bee boxes, which will increase to 500. The President has followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pranab Mukherjee. But Mukherjee would take four rounds of the park; Kovind, over a decade younger, is yet to match that record.*** *— In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pierced LED Disco Nails

Seoul: Park Eunkyung, a popular nail technician from South Korea, may have just kickstarted the next big trend in nail art — multi-coloured LED disco nails, perfect for drawing attention in the club.

Eunkyung, recently posted a series of photos of her latest nail art idea — fake clear nails with LEDs attached to them on *Instagram* and have already been viewed tens of thousands of times, and it end up becoming a thing.

The Korean social media superstar decided on a earring-like design for the unusual LED decorations. After drilling a small hole through the fake nail, she attaches the glowing gems on the front, and connects them to small batteries on the back of the nail. It's not clear how long the batteries last, or if Eunkyung even plans on putting out a commercial line of LED nail decorations, but people are already going crazy for them.

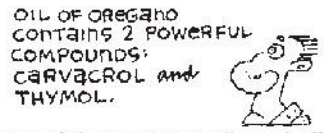
"Asia's cleanest village"

Mawlynnong: People of Mawlynnong have zero tolerance for garbage and spend a lot of their time making sure every square inch of their village is spotless.

Mawlynnong first made news headlines in 2003, when a journalist from Discover Magazine dubbed it "Asia's cleanest village." After hearing about this place where everyone, from young children to the elderly, was dedicated to maintaining a state of complete cleanliness, he decided to investigate, and was so impressed. His article drew a lot of attention to the community of around 600 people in the Indian State of Meghalaya, and people from all over the world started traveling there to see this example of cleanliness for themselves. Every morning, all the children in the village pick up their teasel brooms and sweep the streets before going to school. They are also responsible for emptying the bamboo trash baskets and separating the waste into organic matter, reusable plastic and burnable garbage. Mawlynnong is one of the very few Indian communities where every household has its own toilet, making open defecation a non-issue.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are the best uses for oil of oregano?



Oil of oregano is one of the most versatile and effective remedies in natural medicine. Oil of oregano is used to treat not only bacterial infections, but viruses that antibiotics are ineffective against, as well as fungus and parasites. It should be included in every medicine cabinet.

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Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary at Perpetual Succour Church

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura, will be celebrating the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary from tomorrow at 5.30 pm daily. On Aug. 30, Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeida will hoist the flag. This will be followed by Rosary, Procession, Holy Eucharistic Celebration, offering of flowers and Novena Prayers to Mother Mary. **The Celebrants of the Holy Eucharist during Novena days are as follows:**

Aug 31: Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar, **Sept 1:** Rev. Fr. Prashanth Sequeira, **Sept 2:** Rev. Fr. Thomas Baros, **Sept 3:** Rev. Fr. Sanjay Kumar, **Sept 4:** Rev. Fr. Vincent Monteiro, **Sept 5:** Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, **Sept 6:** Rev. Fr. George Martiz, **Sept 7:** Rev. Fr. Vincent Monteiro, **Sept 8:** The Feast Day mass will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. James D at 6 pm followed by procession, according to Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Raymond.

Free eye screening camp held at Muslim Girls Orphanage

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (KS) - A free eye screening camp, organised by Unity Charitable Trust, Mysuru, was held under the supervision of Trust President Noor Mohammed at the Muslim Girls Orphanage on Ashoka Road here recently.

The camp, inaugurated by Abdul Azeez Chand, Hon. Secretary of the Orphanage, was conducted by Dr. E. Manjunath and staff of the District Mobile Eye Unit, K.R. Hospital.

Trust Secretary Fiyaz Ahmed, Mehboob Shariff, Director of Muslim Girls Orphanage Management Committee Abdul Khudus, Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, I.A. Ansari, Naveed-ul-Hassan and others were present.

Really...?

- ***Ancient Greek historians recorded that Archimedes created a heat ray that burnt enemy ships during the Siege of Syracuse in 214-212 BCE. It involved using mirrors arranged on the shore to focus sunlight on a single point.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two men were searching for their lost wife in a festival.
First man: *How does your wife look like ?* ***Second man:*** *She is 5'7", 36-24-36 sexy figure, fair, sweet, beautiful, green sexy eyes, brown hair... And yours ?*
First man: *Forget mine, let's look for yours...!*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Karnataka State pension reforms

Sir,

Karnataka has long been in the forefront in the field of education and development from the days of Wadiyars and Dewans. Social reforms were known all over the State. It's but appropriate that the present administration is embarking on an all-inclusive development to reach the benefits to all sections of the community.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has formed the pay committee to recommend revised scales of pay (including pension) to its employees and pensioners considering similar revisions made by the Centre and other State governments.

Many of the reforms made in this area by the Centre and other Governments have not reached the State in respect of its employees and pensioners. Many of the employees who have put in decades of service have retired without pension as they were on contract service, temporary or similar such names assigned to their service.

Regularisation of services of Pourakarmikas is a major laudable step in this direction. And the so-called guest lecturers and teachers form another group.

Thirty-three years of service for full pension is a legacy of the British Raj. This has been already changed to 20/10 years by the Central government. All these form part of social welfare expenses. Centre should bear part of these increases and the rest have to be met by public loans and taxes.

Reforms delayed in these areas is justice denied. Our Chief Minister, who has a long experience in social reforms, will settle all these issues promptly to the good of all.

— G.T. Sampathkumarachar
Tonachikoppal
18.8.2017

Lokayukta Justice to inaugurate

Devaraj Urs birth anniversary on Aug.31

Vishwanath Shetty

Devaraj Urs

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Lokayukta Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty will inaugurate D. Devaraj Urs birth anniversary celebrations organised by Ursu Jagruti Academy in association with Ursu Patrike and Karnataka Vaidya Sahitya Parishat at the Institution of Engineers Hall on JLB road here at 4.45 pm on Aug. 31.

MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh will unveil a portrait of Devaraj Urs on the occasion. Karnataka Vaidya Sahitya Parishat President Dr. C. Sharath Kumar will preside, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CM to inaugurate Alumni Association

CM Siddharamaiah will inaugurate the Alumni Association of Government Schools at Government Higher Primary School in Kuppegala village of Mysuru taluk today (Aug. 29) at 5 pm, under the aegis of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait and others will be the chief guests.

Employment Ready Programmes

Malavalli Enterprises/Foundation and its outreach partner AIMIT (Adithya Institute of Management and Information Technology) have organised a programme at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city tomorrow (Aug. 30) at 5.30 pm, for launching of 'Employment Ready Programmes' (HPE Software University). City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao will be the chief guest. Former Kuvempu University VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda will deliver the keynote address. HP authorised training partner M.L. Manohar will be the guest of honour. Malavalli Foundation Managing Trustee Prof. M.N. Shivaram will preside.

MDJA annual sports meet

The Annual Sports Meet of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) will take place at the University Football Ground on Sept.2 and 3. As part of the sports meet, a cricket tournament has been organised. Those interested may contact Mob: 77957-79423 or 97409-76850.

Cancer clinic

Preethi Cancer Centre has organised a free Cancer Detection Clinic on Vani Vilas Road in Lakshmipuram on Aug.31 from 10 am to 8 pm. [Ph: 0821-4259259]

Annual Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Ursu Mandali Co-Operative Society will be held on Sept. 9 at 11 am in Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Auditorium. Society President A.S. Bharat will preside. Members who want their topics to be discussed may submit the same in writing before Sept. 6.

Sri Kanaka Multipurpose Co-Op. Society will hold the AGM at its premises in Giridarshini Layout on Sept. 3 at 10.30 am.

Karnataka State Government Retired Employees Association will hold its AGM at Kalamandira on Sept.2 at 10 am, according to Association President Obaiah.

Corporators allege negligence by officials, demand accountability

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RKB&BCT)- The issue of the alleged indifference by the officers of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in carrying out civic works rocked the MCC Council meeting yesterday. Corporators, cutting across party lines, blamed the lackadaisical attitude of a section of MCC officers for many pending projects.

The Council meeting, held at the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall, witnessed unruly scenes where Corporators blamed the negligence of officers when it comes to development. As soon as the meeting began, Corporators Mahadevappa, Prashanth Gowda, B.M. Nataraju, Nandeesh Preetham and Fairoz Khan raised the issues and took objections to the attitude of the officers and alleged that the officials were reluctant to work and listen to the people's representatives. Mahadevappa, who is also the Health Standing Committee Chairman, alleged that no official is bothered to deliver efficient work. The officials are not preparing action plans, estimation of works on time.

Corporator Kempanna alleged that the officials have failed to take up development works due to administration lapses. He said that a majority of the officials do not respond to phone calls of Corporators. He asked Mayor M.J. Ravikumar to supersede the Council stating, "If officials are not listening to the people's representatives and are not executing works efficiently, what is the use of the Council meet."

Nandeesh Preetham alleged that the system has collapsed and Corporator Shoukath Pasha said that all Wards are facing Underground Drainage (UGD) system problems. "People question us and here we have officers who are lethargic and because of them, we are facing problems," he said. However, the officials were defended by Finance and Taxation Standing Committee Chairman K.V. Mallesh who said that without funds, it was not possible for officials to take up the works. Mallesh asked the Mayor to release the funds.

Corporators also alleged that the MCC audits have not been conducted properly and the extension given to the Bengaluru-based audit firm by six months was opposed. In all, there are objections to Rs. 590 crore worth of development projects taken up by the MCC and Corporators blamed the officers who did not provide records for the audit team for the mess.

MLA's advice to Corporators

At the Council meeting, MLA Vasu gave a pep talk for Corporators on how to behave inside the meeting hall and how to safeguard the dignity and decorum of the meeting. He also advised the Mayor on how to take control of the meeting and issue guidelines on the conduct of the meeting to Corporators.

A former Mayor himself, Vasu took exceptions to murmurs of some Corporators that the MLA (Vasu) has come to give a pep talk, Vasu said that he was here not to preach anyone but was upset by the way the meetings are being conducted. "I am speaking out of experience. Before any Council meeting, the Mayor must meet the ruling and opposition leaders at his chambers. This is a traditional practice to avoid chaos and confusion," he said.

Advertisement hoardings to make a comeback

Outdoor advertisement hoardings are set to make a comeback. The MCC, which stopped issuing fresh licences for advertisement hoardings or renewing existing licences since April 2015, has now come up with a new advertisement bylaw comprising a revised fee structure for outdoor ads.

The free structure proposed by the Standing Committee on Taxation, Finance and Appeals came up before the meeting for approval. Members demanded a detailed discussion before the House gave its approval. Former Mayor Ayub Khan and Corporator Ravindra were against giving the approval in a hurry while former Mayor R. Lingappa opposed allowing advertisement hoardings.

Why cars only for Environment Engineers, question Corporators

Expressing dismay over the withdrawal of official cars provided to Chiefs of various MCC Standing Committees, Corporators questioned the civic body's propriety in extending the facility to Environment Engineers.

According to them, there is no provision of vehicles for Environment Engineers, but the engineers have been using vehicles provided by the MCC. "We (Chairpersons) also tour the city and vehicles are very much needed," they demanded.

The MCC had withdrawn the car facility to heads of five Standing Committees about three months ago. While the Councillors expressed their disappointment over the withdrawal of cars, Corporator Shivakumar said that the MCC Commissioner should discuss the matter before the MCC Council before acting on the Government instructions.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha said that he has written a letter to the State Government in connection with providing vehicles to the Chairmen of Standing Committees, but is yet to receive a reply.

Heritage-look street lamp knocked down

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (SBD&NNN)- The beautification of the short stretch of Dewan's Road from the intersection of Dhanvanthri Road leading to the intersection of Irwin Road (opposite J.K. Grounds) is the pet project of Mayor M.J. Ravikumar. This stretch now looks beautiful with a cleanly laid road. And, with the installation of the exquisitely designed tall street lamps, the heritage look is complete.

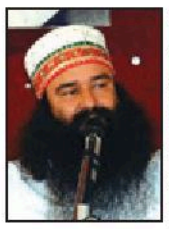
The road was developed recently at a cost of Rs. 65 lakh with median dividing the road. It was inaugurated ten days ago. However, yesterday, due to the negligence of a JCB driver, one of the street lamps came crashing down as he ploughed into it.

Just as the Government and the Corporation are neglecting the restoration work of Lansdowne and Devaraja Market buildings, the citizens also display the same kind of apathy. Take for instance the wall of the Medical College Girls Hostel on Dewan's Road side. Beautiful paintings, depicting the rich heritage of the city, adorn the walls. But a few miscreants do not hesitate to disfigure them.

An elder citizen who was pained to see the heritage lamp broken, told *Star of Mysore:* "We blame the Government if they neglect heritage structures. But when we ourselves carelessly are involved in its destruction, whom can we blame?"

Mayor Ravikumar reacting to the incident said, "The UGD work is going on in J.K. Grounds. The contractor had got the JCB vehicle for this work. Due to the negligent attitude of the driver, the lamp-post was broken. It costs around Rs. 75,000. However, the contractor has agreed to pay for the damages."

Jailed Dera Chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim stares at more troubles



Chandigarh, Aug.29- A CBI Court yesterday sentenced self-styled godman Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh to 20 years in jail and fined him Rs. 30 lakh for raping two disciples, saying he acted like a "wild beast" and didn't even spare his "pious" followers.

CBI Court Judge Jagdeep Singh, who was flown to the District Jail in Haryana's Rohtak where the Dera Sacha Sauda Chief is lodged, to pronounce the punishment, said the sect leader did not deserve leniency as he had sexually exploited and intimidated his disciples.

"The convict did not even spare his own pious disciples and acted like a wild beast," the Judge said. "Both the victims put the accused on the pedestal of God and revered him like that only. However, the convict committed breach of gravest nature by sexually assaulting such gullible and blind followers."

The Court ordered that both the victims be paid Rs. 14 lakh each. Failure to pay would lead to two more years in jail. The remaining Rs.2 lakh will be towards legal services authority.

The flamboyant Dera leader, who prefers bicep-baring T-shirts and takes on gangsters and aliens in his Messenger of God series of films, was in tears and pleaded with folded hands for mercy as the Judge read out the verdict.

Gurmeet, who enjoys immense political clout on the back of millions of followers, sat down on the floor and wept. The burly leader had to be dragged to his barrack.

MORE TROUBLE STARE AT HIM: The two 10-year prison terms could just be the beginning of a trail of troubles for the self-styled godman. There are three more cases pending against him and the CBI is investigating them.

Two of the cases pertain to conspiring murders, while the third is over alleged castration of 400 Dera followers at the sect's headquarters in Haryana's Sirsa.

In the two murder cases, which are in the final stages of trial before a special CBI Court in Panchkula, Singh could be awarded life sentence. The castration case is still under investigation.

It may be recalled, Ram Chandra Chhatrapati, Editor of a Hindi evening newspaper *Poora Sach*, was killed in July 2002 for publishing stories on unlawful activities inside Dera premises, including rape allegations.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Veerappan's aide arrested after 25 years

He was involved in the attack on Ramapura Police Station, Palar bomb blast, kidnap of industrialist Ramamurthy

Hanur, Aug. 29- Ramapura Police, on Sunday, have finally arrested the aide of forest brigand Veerappan after 25 years.

The arrested person, identified as 52-year-old **Shivaswamy alias Dumble Gundi** of Veppede village in Sathyamangalam coming under Erode district in Tamil Nadu, had gone absconding 25 years ago and was arrested from D.G. Puduru village in Sathyamangalam, where he was staying with his wife and children.

Shivaswamy was part of the gang of Veerappan which attacked Ramapura Police Station on May 19, 1992, during which five Police personnel were killed and the gang had looted firearms from the Police Station. Shivaswamy was also wanted in the kidnap of industrialist Ramamurthy, son of Sampangiramaiah, a mining baron of Hanur and is the prime accused in the case.

He (Shivaswamy) was also involved in Palar bomb blast in 1993, which was executed by Veerappan, targeting STF Chief K. Gopalakrishnan and his team.

According to Police, Shivaswamy was involved in various crimes with Veerappan about two-and-a-half decades ago and was at large since then. After Veerappan was killed by the Police in 2004, the Police had arrested most of Veerappan's accomplices, but Shivaswamy had gone absconding. Shivaswamy was produced before a Court yesterday, which remanded him to judicial custody.

Three more houses burgled in city

Cash and valuables worth lakhs of rupees looted

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (YDS&KS)- It seems that there is a rise in house burglaries in city as more incidents of house thefts are being reported sending a sense of fear among the residents. After the incidents of four house burglaries in Vijayanagar and Dattagalli being reported on Sunday, three more house burglaries have now been reported from Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Vijayanagar and Gokulam in city.

In the first incident, a house belonging to industrialist Dheemanth Kumar at Rajarajeshwari Nagar has been burgled on Aug. 25. Dheemanth, on Aug. 25, had locked his house and had gone to his native place along with his family members to celebrate Gowri-Ganesha Festival. When he returned on Sunday (Aug. 27), he found the front door of the house open and on entering the house and inspecting the rooms, he found silver articles weighing about 1kg and worth about Rs. 30,000 kept in the almirah missing and immediately lodged a complaint at Saraswathipuram Police Station.

In the second incident, burglars have decamped with gold ornaments worth about Rs. 1.5 lakh from a locked house at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, belonging to one Umesh Kumar. A case has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station in this regard.

In the third incident, burglars who broke into a house belonging to the daughter of Dr. Narasimha in Gokulam here, have decamped with the valuables. Dr. Narasimha's daughter and son-in-law, who work at a private hospital, had gone to attend a conference in Malaysia and the incident came to light, when Dr. Narasimha went to his daughter's house and found the door broken.

Upon entering the house, Dr. Narasimha found household things scattered and was not sure what has been stolen. He immediately lodged a complaint at V.V. Puram Police Station in this regard.

It may be mentioned that despite the Police asking the residents to inform them in case they go out of station, so that the Police may keep vigil on such houses, most of the residents do not inform the Police, resulting in house burglars targeting such houses. The Police have again asked the residents to inform them if they go out of station.

Obituary

T.S. Rajashekar

Mysuru, Aug.29- T.S. Rajashekar (64), a retired employee of KEB, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

A bachelor, Rajashekar leaves behind his brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here this afternoon, according to family sources.

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INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

In BJP, positions are decided on merit, not on surname: Piyush Goyal

Are the winds of change blowing across the country? Every time when a young Union Minister visits our city, Mysuru, this thought gets reinforced. Each one of them is Prime Minister Modi's acolyte and a potential PM material. The charming, erudite, scholarly, intelligent, down-to-earth Piyush Goyal, Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines, was on his first visit to the city recently. He is also appointed as Karnataka Associate In-charge for the forthcoming Assembly elections.

Star of Mysore **Features Editor N. Niranjan Nikam** caught up with Goyal in this exclusive interview lasting about 40 minutes, where he spoke about his Ministries at length, BJP's stress on merit, how to serve the society by being in politics and how proud he is to be a Hindu. Excerpts…

By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (SOM): You are the Minister of State with Independent charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and quite recently you have also got the Ministry of Mines. Could all these four be Ministries in themselves? And what is the power scenario in the country?

Piyush Goyal: I am delighted that from a power shortage country, today India can proclaim that 24X7 power can be made available across the length and breadth of the country since we are a **power surplus** country. We have enough generation capacity to expand our power output even if the demand increases by 50 per cent. We are also rapidly increasing renewable energy; all the stressed and stalled projects have been completed. I am very confident when people from across the world look at India to invest, to work, to live, to visit, one thing they will never have to worry about is they will not get power. One thing you must have noticed that in world ranking, in the ease of doing business, our ranking on the ease of getting electricity has improved from being at 99 to 27.

SOM: What about being in charge of four Ministries?

Piyush Goyal: There is a lot of synergy between these Ministries. Power and Renewable Energy have a lot of synergy between them. Power makes all regulation, it supports New and Renewable Energy's rapid roll out. Similarly, Coal is required largely for power production; more than $^{2}/_{3}$ or 75 per cent is used for power generation. Coal and Mines have a lot of synergy. So the Prime Minister has tried to break the silos between Ministries and with the integration of four Ministries we have been able to serve the people with speed, scale and I hope, skillfully. Synergy breaks the barriers and walls as also silos which have helped us to work together.

SOM: 'Be honest or resign,' a video, warning Power Officials of UP went viral. Such warnings have been given by Ministers or even Chief Ministers in the past. What has been the impact since it is already four months now in UP, which is known for corruption?

Piyush Goyal: *(Laughs)* One of the first decisions that the UP Government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath did was to remove corrupt officials at the top-level. In the first quarter of UP Government run by Yogi Adityanath, the revenue of UP DISCOMs went up by 28 percent. I don't think there can be a better certificate than that. And no government has been able to achieve this. Their Power Minister Srikant Sharma and his team have been working doggedly and with a great deal of commitment by trying to reduce cost and serve the people of UP.

Earlier, 24 hours power supply was given to just one district and I don't have to tell you which it is. It was the district one party was ruling — Saifai. Now almost across the State, they get power. Even small towns get 22 hours power. Farmers are getting uninterrupted power for eight hours, unlike in Karnataka. Even journalists are talking about it. We are cracking down on '*katia*' (people draw power illegally by hooking a line on power lines) connections;11,000 lakh new connections have been added.

SOM: Energy Efficiency Services (EESL), a Power Ministry enterprise has invited tender for 10,000 electric vehicles. You also plan to sell LED bulbs and energy efficient fans in petrol bunks. Are these new initiatives? And, how much will it help tackle power and escalating petrol prices, which many predict will touch Rs. 100 per litre?

Piyush Goyal: All of these are initiatives that have been talked about or nominally introduced in the past but never taken to this scale and to the doorsteps of the people. The Congress Government before 2014 was procuring 6 lakh bulbs (of 7 watt) a year at Rs. 310 each and with taxes, giving Rs. 100 subsidy and with marketing and distribution cost, selling it at more than Rs. 500. But when I became the Minister, PM Modi told me that I should look at energy efficiency as the fifth pillar of energy generation, because when you save energy you are reducing generation by 2.5 times. He told me to give a major thrust to energy. Now we are able to sell LED bulbs at Rs. 40, that too for a 9 watt bulb with 30 per cent more illumination. Now, there is no subsidy required. People can afford and the pay back is down to within two months.

The previous government was selling 6 lakh bulbs in one year but Modi government is selling 6 lakh bulbs every day! The savings on electricity is Rs. 40,000 crore per year and it will reduce energy consumption by 11,000 crore KW hours. This has also resulted in 80 million tons of carbon dioxide being saved from being released into atmosphere. It is one of the most holistic campaigns to reduce pollution, make the lives of people better and, of course, save money for the consumers.

Similarly, **electric vehicles are the futuristic vision.** India hardly sells a few 1000 electric vehicles today. We are working on non-subsidy based programme where we can scale it up like LEDs. Our aim is by 2030 all vehicles that are sold in India should be electric vehicles. That will reduce the foreign exchange outgo on petroleum products by over 50 billion US dollars a year. That much potential is there in electric vehicles.

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SOM: Karl Marx said, 'Religion is the opium of the masses.' You yourself have said that you are very religious. Now, in a pluralistic and secular country like ours, what is your stand?

Piyush Goyal: Secularism does not mean irreligious, it is not against religion. If you see the definition of Secularism, it talks about equal respect for all religions, no discrimination between religions. All are equal. I never discriminate and neither does anybody in BJP or RSS. We believe all religions have their place; it is a personal right to practice one's religion. I follow all the religious festivals and I pray twice a day if not more and I am very proud about it. Just as I am proud that my Muslim friends do *Namaz*, just as I am delighted to go to my church in Mumbai, in Don Bosco High School where I completed my schooling. It is one of the most beautiful churches in the country, in Matunga. I am delighted to be a part of this eco-system in this great country where Parsees are respected despite being in a minority, where Jews were welcomed. But I don't have to be apologetic about my religion. I am proud to be a Hindu. In any case the ideology and the economic philosophy of the sort of the person whom you quoted are consigned to history.

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Thinking Congressmen fail to win tired old Congressmen. Rahul Gandhi remains Amit Shah's best asset

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Three weeks have gone by since the Gujarat Rajya Sabha election saw Ahmed Patel scoring a sensational victory over the formidable forces of Amit Shah. More than a humbling of the BJP, it was a life-giving boost to the Congress. Everyone expected the Congress to regroup with new found confidence and emerge a fighting force again. But there is no sign of it yet. The reason is clear: The dynastic leadership remains invincible, immovable. And the reason for that? Amit Shah's good fortune.

In the mundane world of elections, Rahul Gandhi is indeed Amit Shah's most important asset. Even those who dislike BJP often vote for it because they dislike Rahul Gandhi more. We can't really blame them because the young Gandhi scion has a style that is off-putting. He seems impetuous by nature. Remember his walking into a press conference in Delhi and tearing up with contempt a copy of an ordinance issued by his own party's Prime Minister, the hapless Manmohan Singh? He is also politically insensitive; notice his frequent, unexplained absences from the country. There is something disconcerting even in his personal mannerisms — rolling up his sleeves and striding around like a *pahelwan.* He just isn't the inspiring kind.

The defeat the Congress suffered in 2014 was so devastating that, for the first time, Congress leaders began talking in public about the party's problems. Satyavrat Chaturvedi, usually a vehement cheer leader of the dynasty, called for "an honest and ruthless introspection." Priya Dutt, daughter of Indira Gandhi worshippers Sunil and Nargis Dutt, spoke of a "disconnect" between the leaders and the people.

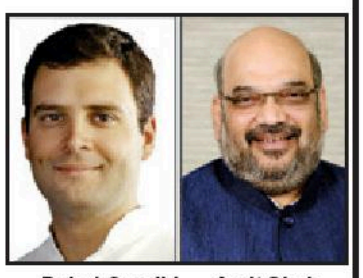
Perhaps the most important critical note was struck by Milind Deora, a respected new-gen leader and close friend of Rahul. He was smart enough not to blame Rahul directly. Instead, he said Rahul had advisers who had no electoral experience and were still calling the shots. He then explained: "My comments are out of emotions of deep loyalty to the party and a sincere desire to see us bounce back."

Three years after that baring of the heart, new — and shall we say more senior — voices are being heard about the now-or-never moment the Congress is facing. Jairam Ramesh (JR) is an unblemished Congress loyalist and an unflinching Indira loyalist, as his new book *Indira Gandhi: A Life in Nature* testifies. It must be heart-ache that made him say that the Congress was facing an existential crisis. Every point he made was timely and important: Modi and Shah think differently, act differently and if we are not flexible in our approach we will become irrelevant, frankly; we must recognise India has changed, the Congress has to change; a collective effort by party leaders to overcome the challenges is essential.

JR was not being negative. "On the contrary, I think there is a lot of goodwill for the Congress, but people want to see a new Congress," he said. There was no disenchantment with Rahul Gandhi; in fact he asked for an end to the uncertainty about Rahul becoming the President of the party. Manishankar Aiyar, the resident loyalist of Rajiv Gandhi and a man who brought some bold thinking into governance when he held office, joined JR in calling for a new Congress.

As he put it: Congressmen should look at reality; we have only 44 members in the Lok Sabha. We need new ideas, new thoughts, new methods to be relevant.

Will such sober voices be heard? No chance. The Gandhis do not hear what they don't want to hear. And there are enough "veterans" to humour them in self-interest. When Jairam Ramesh said the sultanate was gone, "but we behave as if we are sultans still," tired old Sheila Dikshit asked whether he wasn't part of the sultanate? Tired old



Rahul Gandhi *Amit Shah*

Veerappa Moily said the party should have zero tolerance for indiscipline. Tired old K.V. Thomas referred to the grand sacrifices made by people like him and mocked the Congress leaders who came through the back door. These are the rusted minds that sustain the unsustainable dynasty raj and lead the Congress to destruction.

People applauded the unusual conclave of party leaders under the inspiration of Sharad Yadav in Delhi recently. The reason was that it gave a ray of hope that a united Opposition might emerge. **Undaunted, Amit Shah went beyond his earlier ambition of a *Congress-mukt Bharat* and proclaimed that the BJP rule will go on for 50 years. With the support he is getting from Rahul Gandhi, this should be easy.**

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BSY hosting lunch for Dalits, a poll gimmick: Siddu

Mysuru, Aug.29 (RKB&DM)-Terming State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY) hosting lunch to Dalits at his home in Bengaluru as a poll gimmick, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has wondered what was the contribution of BSY to dalit communities, when he was the CM.

Replying to another question on the delay in the appointment of Mysore University Vice-Chancellor, the CM said a new Vice-Chancellor will be appointed soon.

Speaking to press persons on his arrival at Mandakalli airport here this morning, Siddharamaiah, asserting that Dalits also comprised all oppressed sections of the society, said he and other Congress leaders were regularly having lunch with marginalised communities and the BJP leaders had no right to challenge them in this regard.

Referring to the BJP's planned *Parivarthana Yatra* in the State to oust the Congress Government, the CM said the rally was aimed at misleading the people and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP National President Amit Shah's magic won't work in the State.

Criticising PM Modi's *'Mann Ki Baat'* during which the PM had said that violence in the name of religion would not be tolerated, the CM said the real agenda of BJP was communalism and as such, the PM's remarks were only words with no action.

Alleging that the NDA Government at the Centre was a non-performer, Siddharamaiah expressed hope that a secular Government would be formed at the Centre after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Replying to a question on **Indira Canteens,** the Chief Minister, maintaining that the canteens were a huge success in Bengaluru, said they will be set up in other parts across the State too.

District Minister Dr.H.C. Mahadevappa, MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh, KEA Chairman Siddaraju, DC D. Randeep and a host of other officials were present at the airport.

CM lays foundation for Swamiji Statue

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As part of today's event, an awareness camp on donation of blood, eye and body will also be held at the Mutt premises followed by bhajans. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will release a special souvenir *'Prasada'* while Minister Tanveer Sait will release *JSS Vartha Pathra.* A centenary pictorial volume will also be released on the occasion. Over 134 retired employees of JSS Mahavidyapeetha will be felicitated and scholarships distributed to students.

Protest and counter protest

Meanwhile, Aramane Ulisi Horata Samithi and BJP staged protest and counter protest over the installation of Dr. Rajendra Swamiji's statue. While one group opposed the statue installation, the other was in its favour.

Members of Aramane Horata Samithi staged a protest near Mysuru Court Complex against the proposed installation of the statue near Gun House Circle. The Samithi pointed out that they had long back appealed the Chief Minister to install the statue of Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, who was a multi-faceted personality with contributions to politics and sports.

They added that the CM, while receiving their memorandum, had given instructions to the Deputy Commissioner to look into the matter who in turn had referred to the MCC Commissioner to inspect the place and submit a report.

They clarified that they were not against the installation of Swamiji's statue but only wanted it elsewhere in city and pointed out that the city's royal sanctity should be preserved around the periphery of the Palace and contended that the statue of Wadiyar would be the right choice.

The members said that they would intensify the protest if the government remained silent over the issue. The protest was led by Samithi Convenors T.K. Subramanya Raje Urs and Nandeesh G. Urs.

Meanwhile, another group of people led by BJP leader and Krishnarajendra Co-operative Bank Director Panchakshari staged a counter protest against the Samithi at the same venue insisting on the installation of the statue of the Swamiji and appealed the Samithi to drop the stir.

Thanks to a good number of Police personnel present at the spot, a possible clash between two groups was thwarted before any verbal duel set in.

Modi to launch Karnataka BJP's *Parivarthana Yatra* on Nov.1

Bengaluru, Aug.29 (KMS&DM)-The Karnataka BJP will take out *Parivarthana Yatra* across the State from Nov.1, accusing the State Congress Government of rampant corruption, maladministration and failure to maintain Law and Order.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Yatra at Bengaluru on Nov.1, in the presence of BJP National President Amit Shah and other top party leaders.

The BJP leaders have considered Bengaluru as a lucky venue, because a huge crowd had gathered at the sprawling Palace Grounds in 2014 when Modi addressed an election campaign ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, which catapulted BJP to power. The decision to launch the Yatra was taken at the State BJP Core Committee meeting held at Amit Shah's residence in New Delhi last Saturday.

'Congress to concentrate on decentralisation of power'

AICC Secretary in-charge of Mysuru Region Congress P.C. Vishnunath inaugurating Gram Swaraj awareness workshop in city yesterday as (from left) ZP Member Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, MLA Vasu, Former MP Narayanaswamy, Legislative Council Chairman V.R. Sudarshan, MLA H.P. Manjunath, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar and MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy look on.

Mysuru, Aug.29- Claiming that the Congress Government always stood for decentralisation of power in local bodies, former Legislative Council Chairman V.R. Sudarshan has alleged that the previous BJP Government in the State had made attempts to strangle them. He was speaking at the Gram Swaraj awareness workshop organised by the District Congress Committee (DCC) and Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sanghatane (RGPRS) at a private hotel here yesterday.

Pointing out that when Rajiv Gandhi was Prime Minister in 1989, he had brought amendments to the Constitution aimed at strengthening the Panchayat Raj system, Sudarshan regretted that however, the Bill was defeated in the Rajya Sabha by one vote. But Rajiv Gandhi's concept of the Panchayat Raj system got approved when P.V. Narasimha Rao became the Prime Minister, a couple of years later, he said.

Maintaining that the Congress Government led by Siddharamaiah had introduced many reforms in the Panchayat Raj system, Sudarshan reiterated that the previous B.S. Yeddyurappa-led BJP Government made attempts to strip the local bodies of their power.

Observing that the 2018 State Assembly elections and the 2019 Lok Sabha elections were a big challenge to the Congress, Sudarshan said the party was gearing up to meet poll challenges.

Former MP Narayanaswamy and RGPRS Zonal Convenor Ramaswamy delivered lectures.

It's raining in Kodagu

Mysuru, Aug. 29- After a brief break, rain is back in Kodagu and some parts of Mysuru, H.D. Kote and Malnad region. The southern part of Karnataka has been receiving continuous — though not in heavy scale — rainfall since the evening of Aug. 27.

Yesterday, showers continued from early morning till noon and towards the evening, the skies opened up, affecting normal life. Some schools and colleges in Mysuru, H.D. Kote and Periyapatna declared a holiday.

In Kodagu, the District Administration declared a holiday today for schools and colleges. Movement of vehicles along several roads in the district, particularly in Bhagamandala region, has been hit in view of rains.

Torrential rain, which began in Kodagu from Aug. 26, caused damage in several places. In Madikeri, part of a temple was damaged due to a landslide. It rained heavily in Bhagamandala, Nalaknadu and surrounding areas including Napoklu, Shanthalli, Kundalli, Beedalli, Tholuru Shettalli and many other villages.

Three burglars arrested, various machineries recovered

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (KS)- N.R. Police, on Aug. 26, have arrested three burglars on charges of breaking into a factory and making away with various machines from it. The arrested have been identified as Tanveer Pasha, M.J. Saleem and Kaisar Pasha, all residents of Haleemnagar in Bannimantap here.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have revealed that on Aug. 23, they entered Kohinoor Engineers, a factory near Highway Circle by cutting the iron rods of the window and had stolen various machines from the factory. They had brought the machines to city to sell it, they added. Following the information provided by the accused, the Police recovered welding, drilling, grinding machines and other materials from them.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe supervised N.R. Inspector T. Ashok Kumar, ASI Chandregowda, staff Ramesh, Krishna, Mahadev and others in the nabbing and recovery operation.

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Prof. Ram Rajasekharan transferred

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When it was found that only one page had been received, the Officer in Delhi said that another page would be faxed immediately. The content of the fax was brought to the notice of Prof. Rajasekharan, who was on medical leave. By then Jadhav had already come in the morning and taken charge as the Director. The sources said that he visited a few Departments, held meetings with Senior Scientists, Administration, Finance and Accounts staff till late in the evening and left for Bengaluru.

Transfer buzz

Immediately the transfer of Prof. Ram Rajasekharan started doing the rounds in the CFTRI campus. Everyone was taken by surprise and shock at this sudden development. A source in the campus said that lot of employees were rejoicing at this development and a few pro-Kannada staff burst crackers.

Another insider said that the fax about his transfer had come on August 25 evening itself. Since that day was a holiday being *Ganesha Chaturthi,* no one in the Administrative Office was aware. The source said that since it was a holiday they were not aware and only on Monday morning when they got the fax message again they came to know of the developments.

A Senior Scientist, who had retired recently from CFTRI, told *Star of Mysore* on condition of anonymity, "The trouble for Rajasekharan was brewing for a long time. Apart from anti-Kannada activities, his many deeds earlier have caught up with him."

According to the Scientist, Prof. Rajasekharan had sacked a Senior Scientist a couple of years ago, just when he was about to retire. This scientist was referred to as the 'Whistle Blower' of CFTRI as throughout his career he was carrying on tirades against the Directors. He was writing regularly to the PMO and CSIR pointing to the many misdeeds of Prof. Rajasekharan.

Moreover, just as Prof. Rajasekharan had dismissed or transferred a few people citing 'public interest' as the reason, the same reason, ironically has been attributed for his transfer now, said the Scientist.

The source in the Office said that they were not sure whether the former Director, who was not keeping well, was at his residence, or left this morning.

All efforts from *SOM* to contact Prof. Rajasekharan were futile as the mobile phone kept ringing.

26-year-old girl held; hunt on for other accused

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According to Police, Mala was fluent in Kannada, Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu among other languages and this came in handy for honey-trapping. She had so far trapped eight people out of which only one person had lodged a complaint while the rest did not, fearing exposure and embarrassment, the Police added.

About a week ago, Mala met the complainant (name withheld) at a super market in Bannimantap and after flashing a smile, she collected his phone number after introducing herself. She then began to text him and also used to call him over and speak in a friendly manner, Police said.

She later called her potential target to come to Mahadevapura Road to pick her up and take her to Simsha. Accordingly, the complainant reached Mahadevapura Road in his Maruti Omni van and was talking with her when her accomplices surrounded them and began questioning him. They also assaulted the hapless man.

The gang also took the cheque book which was in the van and got a cheque leaf signed by him before letting him go. The victim later lodged a complaint at Mysuru South Rural Police.

Inspector Jayaprakash and staff, who registered a case began their investigations and based on call records and the location of phone, arrested Mala near Sub Urban Bus Stand. Police said that Mala had about 7-8 accomplices out of which four of them are already in jail in an extortion case and added that they have launched a manhunt to nab the remaining accomplices.

Mala was produced before a Magistrate on Sunday, who remanded her to Judicial custody.

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'Positions are decided on merit'

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SOM: What about my question on petrol touching Rs. 100 per litre?

Piyush Goyal: Well, my colleague, Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has done some wonderful work by negotiating new contracts and now he is getting United States to supply oil; yesterday, the first shipment of oil from USA has been dispatched. This will help expand the sources of petroleum products for India and reduce the stranglehold that some countries and organisations had on petrol prices. We are hoping that we will be able to keep petrol prices under control as reasonably as possible.

SOM: Politics is in your blood. Your father late Ved Prakash was a Minister in the Vajpayee government. Your mother Chandrakanta Goyal was an MLA three times in Maharashtra. Was it easy for you to enter politics?

Piyush Goyal: *(Smiles).* Not at all, on the contrary it was very difficult to enter politics. Right from my childhood I was exposed to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji, to great leaders like Chief of RSS Guru Golwalkar, Balasaheb Deoras, other stalwarts of Jan Sangh like Nanaji Deshmukh, L.K. Advani, who all used to come to Mumbai often and stay with us. I learnt a lot, particularly my early grounding in moral values, my early grooming in ethics when I saw such tall leaders.

In BJP, you have to struggle and work hard to achieve any position. Positions are decided on merit and not on your surname. I started working at a very young age. I became a Member of Parliament (MP) only in 2010, after 25 years of service in the party and that too after my mother, who was an MLA in Maharashtra for three times, retired from politics in 2004, when she turned 65. She said let younger people take over. Many told her that I should contest from the same constituency. Her words were, *"Over my dead body."* She told them that I have to work in the party and it will decide my seat. She did not allow me to contest from her constituency.

My father was also a Minister in the Vajpayee government who completed his Rajya Sabha term in 2008 and died of cancer within a few months. Till then I was involved in local Maharashtra activities. Of course, I had worked in national campaigns in Delhi for a couple of years. But I never had any position or national responsibility. Only after my mother retired and my father passed away did I get an opportunity to become an MP.

Soch Badalna Chahiye...

The interview was about to begin in the beautiful surroundings of the renovated VK Function Hall in Nazarbad. Piyush Goyal had just finished addressing the media and walked to the gazebo where three chairs and a table was arranged. An elderly person walked in and told Goyal, "Hamari durbhagya Sirji ki aapko host nahin karsakta (It is our misfortune Sirji that we cannot host you)." Pat came the reply, "Durbhagya kyun hain? Soch badalne ki zaroorat hain. Aap ko bolna chayiein, tumko ek aur baar aana padega," amidst burst of laughter from the people around.

Before the interview began, he gushed about the place and said, "I have never done a press interaction in a more beautiful setting." After the interview was over, the Chartered Accountants of Mysuru, who were waiting, immediately gathered around him for a group photograph and after felicitating him with a Mysuru Peta and garland, they made him sit and they all stood behind him. He said, "I am feeling embarrassed. I will stand with you, now you can take a picture."

The PM gave me the position in 2014 when I was made the Minister. That is the strength of BJP where only merit prevails and my surname has no value today.

SOM: You are an all-India second rank holder Chartered Accountant and a second rank holder in Law in Mumbai University. On July 1, 2017, the 68th Chartered Accountants Day coincided with GST roll out. The Prime Minister ticked off the CAs demanding a better role from them. Please comment.

Piyush Goyal: He did not tick off the CAs. He in fact complimented them for the work that they have been doing. He told them, I am fighting against black money; I am trying to eliminate corruption in this country; I am trying to make this country clean, in its economic activity. He appealed them to be a part of this noble mission. Because, after all, anyone involved in black transaction, informal and illegal transactions will certainly have some CA certifying it. He believes that every Chartered Accountant is as patriotic as he is to participate as a friend, as a colleague in this noble mission to rid India of this corruption, informal economy and problem of black money.

The Prime Minister had talked to me about this before the speech. I personally told him that it is very important to give this message. Nikam Saab, I will tell you, for the last 7-8 years I have not practiced, but I ran industry; I was an investment banker. In fact, every session that I attended of CA Associations or Institutes, I have been appealing the 2.5 lakh CAs and 12.5 lakh students to take a pledge that we will not give any bribe, become corrupt or help officers take a bribe; we will not become middlemen of corrupt businessmen. Let us all take a pledge to become this harbingers of transformation of this country. I am confident that my CA colleagues will come up to the PM's and the nation's expectations. You know the target — *Nishana* — was the shell companies and that is what we want to eliminate. After all, if there are shell companies that are now detected, somebody would have audited, seen those accounts.

On that day when the PM addressed the CAs there were 60,000 people including young CA students in the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Delhi. Every time the Prime Minister said that I want to eliminate corruption, the students clapped the most. That is how much they were inspired by the PM's address.

SOM: As a politician you have been candid in telling that you have provided enough for your family and now you can focus on your job completely. But for most of the people in position, greed and power overcomes everything. How do you fight this?

Piyush Goyal: Many young friends ask me that they want to be in politics. I tell them **if you want to change the image of the country then good people must come to politics, get engaged in politics and change India to the New India, the vision of the Prime Minister.** You can't wish away politics. I then tell them to work for a few years and provide sufficiently for the family, so that when they are in politics money does not drive them, but the noble causes. In my own case, I have adequate capital; we declare our income as MPs and as Ministers and it is all there on the website. Before I took the decision to become Minister I had this conversation with my wife and children who gave me complete co-operation and unstinted support. I have provided for their education well in advance. My wife does not crave for material wealth; I am fortunate. God has been extremely kind to me to give such understanding wife and children.

SOM: In a TEDx talk you spoke about the spin-off of Tourism. Mysuru being a tourist centre could benefit enormously. But all efforts to put Mysuru on the world map have not been all that successful. What do you think can be done to promote it?

Piyush Goyal: It is such a beautiful town. I have rarely fallen in love with a city as soon as the plane was landing, as it happened today. It is pristine in its beauty, green, so clean and the people are so warm and affectionate. There is a huge potential in Mysuru. I would have wished Government of Karnataka had done more. This can certainly be promoted as a tourist hub. We in the Centre are committed to promoting tourism. That is the true soft power of India. Along with IT, we should have tourism. The Prime Minister spoke to about 212 young entrepreneurs for two days, where I was also there. They have come up with some good suggestions also on tourism. I hope we will get an opportunity to promote tourism in Karnataka. It seems, the people of Karnataka are very unhappy with this corrupt, inept and inefficient State government. I am confident that we will once again get an opportunity to serve the people of Karnataka and make Mysuru a tourist capital of the country.

SOM: Even you hold an Independent Charge. Do you also report directly to the PM? And what is your experience like?

Piyush Goyal: This is a very collective government. We have broken all the silos between Departments and between Ministries. We talk to each other on the phone; we all work seamlessly as colleagues. Any time I want to meet a senior Minister, may be the Prime Minister, Home Minister, Finance Minister or Surface Transport Minister, they are all just a phone call away. We all find it so easy to interact and engage with one another, share ideas and experiences. Today I met this young girl Megha Kochar, what an impressive work she has done by building a toilet in a school for girls, near the airport, with her first income. What a wonderful outcome of Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission. I am going to report about this to the PM. This is the kind of team we have at the Centre under the visionary and inspiring leadership of the Prime Minister.

SOM: As a Minister-in-waiting for former US President Barack Obama, what was your experience like?

Piyush Goyal: *(Laughs heartily)* It was a delightful experience. He is a very charming person, very sensitive to climate change, just like our Prime Minister Modi. He has two young children, little younger than my children. He comes from the same University where both my children are studying. So, we had a lot of notes to exchange.

SOM: Oh, your children come from the same Varsity?

Piyush Goyal: Just like my children, his two children are going to the same college. My son has graduated from Harvard and my daughter is still there and former President Obama is a Graduate of Law School. So we had a lot of things in common. His Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker's daughter is a class fellow of my son. That became another common topic about our children's education. We had several areas we could share our thoughts.

There are differences also particularly, as I am promoting energy efficiency under PM's guidance, whereas I find that in America and in the developed world, energy is being wastefully consumed. So it was a fair mix of conversation which was quite interesting. It was a learning experience and a great one at that to being with Obama ▪

US OPEN 2017

Sharapova makes a dream comeback, stuns Halep

US OPEN

New York, Aug. 29- Maria Sharapova made a dramatic return to Grand Slam action by knocking out world number two Simona Halep at the US Open yesterday.

The Russian won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in front of a sell-out crowd of almost 24,000 people in New York. Sharapova, 30, was playing her first Grand Slam match since serving a 15-month doping suspension. The 2006 champion and former world number one needed a wild-card to enter the main draw as she is ranked 146th.

When her name was drawn alongside Halep's in the first round it set up a contest that felt more like a Grand Slam decider than opener.

Over the course of two hours and 44 minutes, Sharapova's greater pace off the racquet outstripped Halep's speed of foot, with 60 winners proving decisive despite 64 errors. Sharapova goes on to face Hungary's Timea Babos, the world number 59, in round two on Wednesday.

TODAY'S MATCHES

MEN'S SINGLES

A. De Minaur Vs 6 D. Thiem
22 F. Fognini Vs S. Travaglia
1 R. Nadal Vs D. Lajovic
R. Harrison Vs 15 T. Berdych
J. Chardy Vs 18 G. Monfils

WOMEN'S SINGLES

12 J. Ostapenko Vs L. Arruabarren
1 K. Pliskova Vs M. Linette
M. Niculescu Vs 14 K. Mladenovic
4 E. Svitolina Vs K. Siniakova
N. Osaka Vs 6 A. Kerber
10 A. Radwanska Vs P. Martic
A. Riske Vs 20 C. Vandeweghe
M. Vondrousova Vs 8 S. Kuznetsova

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Mysuru Warriors jersey launched

Mysuru Warriors Captain Karun (centre) is seen with (from left) Team Owner Arjun Ranga, Co-owner Pavan Ranga and Coach Rx Murali.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 - Mysuru Warriors, a Karbonn Smartphones Karnataka Premier League cricket franchise, owned by city-based N.R. Group launched the team anthem and jersey for the upcoming KPL-2017 in a glittery event held at Windflower Resorts and Spa in city yesterday.

The melodious anthem of the team titled "Nee Salam Hodi" has been composed and sung by noted musician Raghu Dixit.

MYSURU WARRIORS

Team Sponsors, Mysuru Warriors owner Arjun Ranga, Co-owner Pavan Ranga, N.R. Group Managing Partners Anirudh Ranga, Kiran Ranga and Vishnu Ranga, NR Group Chairman R. Guru Dr. Sridhar and others were present.

15th Maj. Dhyanchand Hockey Tournament begins in city

Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, who inaugurated the Hockey Tournament, is seen with Andolana Editor Rajashekara Koti, Ravi Koti, Pulikeshi Shettappanavar, DYES Asst. Director Suresh and hockey players.

Mysuru, Aug. 29- The 15th Major Dhyanchand Hockey Tournament for Schools and Colleges organised by National Sports Day Celebration Committee was inaugurated by Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah at Chamundi Vihar Stadium here this morning.

The five-day tournament will feature 35 teams among 19 are boys team from various colleges, two college girls team, five high school boys team, three high school girls team, four primary school boys team and two primary school girls team.

The organisers also felicitated Nagabhushan Aradhya for authoring a book on Maj. Dhyanchand, SAI Gymnastic coach (retd.) Arun Patil and T. Puttaswamy, former Swimming Coach, University of Mysore.

Committee President and Andolana Editor Rajashekara Koti, Vice-Presidents Ln. Krishne Gowda and Dr. C. Venkatesha, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director S. Suresh, Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences Chairman Dr. Madialagan and others were present.

City coach for African Open MMA Championship

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (KS)- M.N. Vikram, Head coach of Academy of Martial Science at Krishnamurthypuram in city will be participating in the African Open Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Championships to be held at Johannesburg's Brakapan Indoor Sports Centre between Aug. 29 and Sept. 2. He will be a part of Indian contingent selected by AIMMAA.

The event is organised by International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF) and Mixed Martial Arts South Africa (MMA-SA). Sportspersons from African, European and Asian countries are expected to participate.

Vikram is the oldest fighter at 41 years to participate in the championships.

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600 *Muthavallis* of Mysuru, Mandya and Ch'nagar districts congregate at city conference

Mysuru, Aug.29 (US&RKB)- A conference of about 600 *Muthavallis* of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts was organised by the Wakf Advisory Committees of the three districts at a private function hall in city recently.

Participating in the event, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies U.T. Khader asked the Muslim brethren to win the love and affection of other communities and live together in harmony. He pointed out that if a person commits a mistake, the entire community will get the blame. He asked people to bear the hardships with patience for a better future. He asked Muthavallis to prevent eruption of problems and further asked them that no child should be deprived of education. He opined that education was important along with economic empowerment for the development of community. He asked the minority community to fully utilise the facilities provided by the Government.

Sir Khazi of Mysore Moulana Mohammad Usman Sharif inaugurated the conference by watering a sapling. Minister for Primary and Secondary Education and Wakf Tanveer Sait, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, MLC Jabbar, State Wakf Board Administrative Officer Mohammad Mohsin, CEOSM Zulfikarullah, Wakf Advisory Committee Chairmen Arif A. Mekhri (Mysuru), Zabiullah Khan (Mandya) & Sayed Irshadullah (Chamarajanagar), Wakf officers and others participated in the conference.

Government College of Nursing celebrates 5th anniversary

Mysuru, Aug.29 (DVG&US)- Government College of Nursing had organised a function at Platinum Jubilee Hall in J.K. Grounds here recently to mark the 5th anniversary of the College.

Inaugurating the programme, MLA Vasu opined that Nursing was a noble profession portraying humility and compassion.

He commended the Nurses at Government Hospitals for rendering good services amid many odds. He said that all debris and waste materials dumped at the premises of the College should be removed.

K.R. Hospital retired Nurse Saraswathi was felicitated on the occasion. Prizes were given away to the winners of various cultural and sports events. Later the students of the College presented a cultural programme.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. B. Krishnamurthy presided. Chief Administrative Officer B.J. Indiramma, College Principal Firdose Fathima, Cheluvamba Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. S. Radhamani & PKTB Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.M. Virupaksha were present.

H.V. Rajeev's B'day: Free 'Trin-Trin' passes issued

Mysuru, Aug.29 (US)- Marking the birthday of BJP leader H.V. Rajeev, Prajnavantha Nagarika Vedike and Vipra Helpline had organised a function in city on Sunday to distribute free passes to 50 poor children and senior citizens for the 'Trin-Trin' Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) system.

The passes were distributed by Rajeev who went around riding a bicycle along with the children. Speaking on the occasion, Rajeev said that the PBS system was environment-friendly and a boon to the poor. He added that the system was monitored through GPS and hence very safe.

About 100 Pourakarmikas were felicitated on the occasion. District Brahmana Sanga President D.T. Prakash and others were present.

Villagers build toilets as gift to women

Hunsur, Aug.29 (Raghu)- After much persuasion from the authorities, villagers of Manchabyanahalli, Gavadagere Hobli in the taluk built toilets as gift to women, instead of offering 'Baagina' to them on Gowri-Ganesha festival.

The authorities, who conducted a survey, found that 226 out of the 296 families living in the village didn't have toilets. Later the Taluk Panchayat and Gram Panchayat officials came forward to build the toilets and the Gowri-Ganesha festival came in handy for them. The Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer (EO), Krishnakumar, after consulting the District Administration, came up with the slogan 'Let toilets be built for Ganesha festival instead of offering Bagina.'

The authorities also began to sensitize the people through street plays and awareness campaigns.

EO Krishnakumar along with Biligere Gram Panchayat PDO Ramanna, held several rounds of meetings with the villagers and finally came up with a plan to construct toilets in the village.

Thanks to the efforts of the authorities, 196 toilets were built in the village in a week and these toilets were indeed a 'Bagina gift' to the women folk of the village.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath, who spoke after inaugurating the toilets, stressed on the need for every family to have a toilet. Explaining the importance of toilets in sanitation, the MLA said that the construction of toilets would not only end open defecation but also greatly help in fulfilling 'Swachh Bharat' Mission.

TP EO Krishnakumar said that although our country had made rapid strides in Science and Technology, the lack of toilets, especially in rural areas, was embarrassing for the country.

He warned those hesitating to construct toilets, of disconnecting power to their homes.

Actor Sanchari Vijay said that the construction of toilets was a Ganesha festival gift to the village. ZP Member Savitri Manju, Swachh Bharat Mission District Nodal Officer K.M. Shivakumaraswamy, Assistant Secretary Manoj Kumar, TP President Padmamma, actors Apsara, GP President Rathnamma Devaraj and others were present.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Aug. 29- **Preethi Mahadev** has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University if Mysore for her thesis 'Incremental dimensionality reduction in high dimensional databases' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P. Nagabhushan. She is the daughter of Dr. K. Mahadev, ex-Syndicate Member of UoM.

H.N. Meenakshi has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the UoM for her thesis 'Target class guided dimensionality reduction and consequent image compression' [Guide: Dr. P. Nagabhushan].

Balraj has been awarded Ph.D in English by the UoM for his thesis 'Terror and trauma: Geopolitical discourse in the 9/11 novel' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P. Venkatesh.

H.E. Mahadeva Nayaka has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Mahila Kathegalu: Dalita Samskrutika Sankathanagala Nele' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.K. Lolakshi.

Army Major from city saves over 100 lives in flood-hit Gujarat, Rajasthan

Akshay Thimmaiah

Mysuru, Aug. 29 - An Army Major from Mysuru has done exemplary work during flood rescue operations in Gujarat and Rajasthan. He is **Ballachanda Maj. Akshay Thimmaiah,** son of Ballachanda Sudha Bopanna and Ballachanda Prakash Bopanna, residents of Kuvempunagar in city. Maj. Akshay Thimmaiah is married to Mundanda Nidhi Ponnamma.

Following incessant rains in Gujarat, joint teams from the Indian Army and Indian Air Force have saved hundreds of lives and have rescued scores of people in flood-ravaged villages in Surendranagar district. Torrential rains in Gujarat have resulted in several deaths as well. The Gujarat Relief Department has confirmed 61 rain-related deaths in the State so far. Some parts of Rajasthan — especially those bordering the Northern Gujarat district of Banaskantha — too have seen heavy rainfall.

According to a report published in *Dainik Bhaskar* newspaper, on the night of July 25, Major Akshay Thimmaiah, along with two jawans from State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), saved the lives of 17 children, 12 women and 6 men who were stranded in Alethi village, near Sanchore in Gujarat due to bursting of Narmada Canal, causing flash floods. Maj. Akshay Thimmaiah saved the children after swimming and wading through 4-5 ft of flood waters for over 2.5 km. He showed courage in

Ballachanda Maj. Akshay Thimmaiah seen rescuing a child during a rescue operation.

reaching the village and getting the civilians to safety despite rising water level.

Flood rescue team of 8 Cavalry Battalion under Maj. Akshay Thimmaiah saved the lives of over 100 people in Guda Malani, Rajasthan, in a daring night-long operation. The rescue operation was completed in 3 hours with water levels at 12-20 ft which had risen due to flood waters in Luni River. A total of 45 children, 32 women and 23 men were rescued and evacuated to safer areas.

Single ticket entry for tourist spots

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RK&NNN)- The District Administration has decided to introduce single ticket for entry to various tourist attractions in the city.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who chaired a meeting with the Officials of the Tourism Department, at his office here yesterday said that as a pilot project a single-window ticket system for three months would be introduced during the forthcoming Dasara. If the response from the tourists is good then it will be in place permanently.

It was found that tourists waste a lot of time at important tourist places to purchase tickets. Many of them fed up with the waiting would even leave the place and go to other places. As a result the tourism was being hit, he said. In yesterday's meeting it was decided to have a single entry ticket for Palace, Zoo, Karanji Lake Sanctuary, Chamundi Hill and KRS. If the tourists book the tickets online at *bookmyshow,* tickets will be generated with bar codes. Hence, sitting at home in any part of the world the visitors to Mysuru can book tickets and gain entry to the tourist places without any hassles.

This will also prevent the tourists from standing in long queues to purchase entry tickets, said Randeep. Tourism Department Deputy Director Janardhan, Zoo Executive Director C. Ravishankar, Palace Executive Engineer Satish, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Executive Engineer Basavarajegowda and others were present.

Dr. Pantula Rama performs at 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal

Vidu. Dr. Pantula Rama, accompanied by Vid. Mutnery Srinivas Narasimha Murthy on Violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on Mridanga and Vid. Vyasa Vittala on Kanjira, presenting a vocal recital at 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal, V.V. Mohalla in city last evening as part of the ongoing 56th Heritage Music Festival organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable Trust. Today at 6.45 pm, Pt. Fayaz Khan will present a Hindustani vocal recital accompanied by Pt. Deepak Marathe on Harmonium and Ustad Ravindra Yavagal on Tabla.

'Palace on Wheels'

to showcase Palaces, Museums

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RK&NNN)- The District Administration has planned 'Palace on Wheels' for the Dasara tourists visiting the city. They will be exposed to many Palaces and Museums from Sept. 17 to Oct. 2.

The tourists would be taken in AC buses from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm to see the Palace, Jagan Mohan Palace, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalay Postal Training Centre, CFTRI, Town Hall, Oriental Research Institute, Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, Government Ayurveda College, KR Hospital and Railway Museum. It is the aim of the District Administration to showcase Palaces, Museums and Heritage structures to the visitors. The rates and the route will be decided shortly, said a source in the District Administration.

Film Festival to feature Intl. award-winning movies

Mysuru, Aug. 29 - This year's Dasara Film Festival will feature 50 movies including those screened at State, National and International Film Festivals, said Dasara Special Officer and Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep.

Addressing the Dasara Film Sub-Committee meeting at his Office yesterday, he said there was a need to create a separate logo and pamphlets for the film festival to attract tourists to watch the movies being screened and added that efforts will be made to screen foreign language movies along with Kannada and other Indian movies.

The DC said that this year, the film festival will feature Oscar-nominated and social theme-based movies. "The Committee will decided on ticket prices during the next meeting," he added.

This year, the movies will also be screened at DRC Cinemas and INOX multiplex in city. A total of 56 shows will be screened in multiplexes with each having eight shows.

Department of Information and Public Relations Assistant Director Raju, Dasara Film Sub-Committee Deputy Special Officer S.J. Somashekar, Secretary Krishnappa and Creative Director Manu were present at the meeting.

Three-day Raitha Dasara to commence on Sept. 22

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (VNS) - Raitha Dasara, which has gained popularity among the farming community, will be held from Sept. 22 to 24 at JK Grounds, said Department of Agriculture Joint Director K.M. Somasundar.

Addressing the media persons at DC office yesterday, he said that District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate Raitha Dasara. Prior to this, a grand procession of farmers and livestock would be taken out from Mysore Palace North Gate in which various folk troupes will take part.

Like previous years, the Raitha Dasara will feature exhibition of latest agriculture equipment, special bullock carts, welfare programmes announced for farmers among others. This year, the various colleges affiliated to University of Agricultural Sciences will also take part to showcase various courses offered for students.

The organisers will also felicitated 25 best farmers identified from various parts of the State which will include those identified by Horticulture, Sericulture and Forest Departments. There will also be seminars to discuss and find solutions for problems faced by the farmers.

Raitha Dasara Committee will also organise district-level rural sports on Sept. 23 which includes gunny sack race, boulder lifting and 50kg fertiliser bag lifting for men. For farmer women, the Committee has organised running race with water-filled pitchers and lemon and spoon race.

The valedictory event will be held on Sept. 24 at 6.30 pm and the prizes to the award-winning farmers will be distributed by Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister A. Manju.

The Committee has also announced attractive prize money for State-level Cow Milking Competition. The first prize winner will receive Rs. 50,000, 2nd place – Rs. 40,000 and 3rd place – Rs. 30,000.

Dasara Special Officer and Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep released the Raitha Dasara brochure. Deputy Special Officer K.S. Shivakumaraswamy and Member Secretary Dr. P.M. Prasad Murthy were present on the occasion.

Entries invited for documentaries

Mysuru, Aug.29 (US)- The Department of Information and Public Relations has invited entries from women of the district who have excelled in the field of art, literature, sports, social development, science and other sectors and won State and National awards to produce documentaries on them. The eligible women should submit the details to the Deputy Director of the Department on Dhanvanthri road, Mysuru, before Aug.31.

For more details call Ph: 0821-2423251.

WORD OF THE DAY

Accoutrement

Pronunciation: uh-KOO-truh-munt

Meaning: Equipment, trappings; specifically: a soldier's outfit usually not including clothes and weapons — usually used in plural; an accessory item of clothing or equipment; an identifying and often superficial characteristic or device.

Origin: Accoutrement and its relative accoutre, a verb meaning "to provide with equipment or furnishings" or "to outfit," have been appearing in English texts since the 16th century. Today both words have variant spellings—accouterment and accouter. Their French ancestor, accoutrer, descends from an Old French word meaning "seam" and ultimately traces to the Latin word consuere, meaning "to sew together." You probably won't be too surprised to learn that consuere is also an ancestor of couture, a word referring to the business of making fashionable clothes, as well as to the clothes themselves.

THE ODD WORD

Tantivy

At full gallop; headlong.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Take umbrage

Meaning: To be displeased or offended by the actions of others.

Origin: There doesn't seem to be much we can do with umbrage other than to take it, that is, become displeased - the word is no longer used in any other context. What is umbrage exactly? It sounds like some form of distasteful patent medicine.

Step back to the 15th century and umbrage didn't mean displeasure. The word was inherited into English from the Latin 'umbra', meaning shade. Umbrage came to be used in English to mean shade or shadow, or the foliage of trees which cause shadows; for example, this piece from John Lydgate's 1426 translation of De Guileville's Pilgrimage of the life of man.

The first record of anyone taking umbrage is in Lord Fountainhall's [Chronological Notes on] The decisions of the Lords of Council and Session, 1680: The Bishop... took umbrage at his freedom of speech in the pulpit anent [side by side with] the government.

J. K. Rowling picked up on these associations when choosing the name of the unpleasant character Professor Umbridge in the Harry Potter series. The negative link was reinforced with the choice of Dolores (from the Latin dolour - pain) as first name.

QUOTE BOX

A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself. **—Joseph Campbell**

RIDDLE THIS

Whoever makes me, tells me not. Whoever takes me, knows me not. Whoever knows me, wants me not. What am I?

Answer :Counterfeit money.

SUDOKU

			3	6		1		4
		4						6
6						5	7	
			1			6	4	
5		6				8		7
	9	7			4			
	3	8						1
9						3		
7		5		3	8			

Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	1	5	8	3	2	7	4
2	7	3	6	9	4	8	1	5
5	8	4	2	7	1	6	3	9
1	9	2	4	6	5	3	8	7
7	5	6	1	3	8	9	4	2
3	4	8	7	2	9	5	6	1
4	3	9	8	1	2	7	5	6
6	2	5	3	4	7	1	9	8
8	1	7	9	5	6	4	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

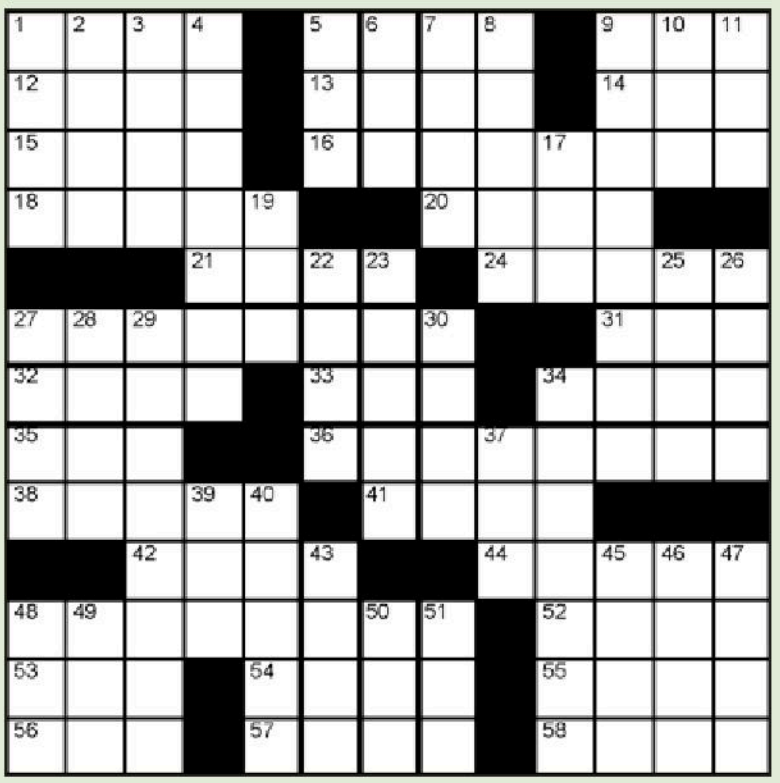
1 Narrow sandbank
5 Titles for aristocratic males
9 Central Maintenance Comp.
12 Mister in German
13 Mr Guinness of Hollywood
14 Water in France
15 Famous cookie
16 Cause to draw apart
18 Royal house
20 Bollywood's Utpal ___
21 A young salmon
24 Noted film maker Mahesh ___
27 Went back on one's word
31 United Arab Emirates
32 Run words together in speech
33 Electrical conductance unit
34 Weapons, firearms or armament
35 Value Added Tax, abbr.
36 Root vegetables
38 Sow, engender or instil
41 Capital of Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea?
42 Jade or exhaust
44 Copy, edition
48 Having three feet
52 Wife of Zeus
53 Narsimha ___ : ex-Prime Minister of India?
54 Footnote word
55 Small barrels containing gun powder, perhaps
56 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
57 Irritation
58 Without _ __ : without safety precautions (1,3)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

S	P	A	G	■	A	L	I	■	E	L	S	E
A	A	R	E	■	I	O	N	■	L	E	A	R
O	V	E	R	C	A	S	T	■	A	N	T	I
■	■	■	M	C	A	■	R	A	I	S	I	N
Z	O	N	A	L	■	L	E	O	N	■	■	■
I	R	A	N	■	L	A	P	P	E	D	U	P
N	E	I	■	L	U	C	I	A	■	O	S	E
C	O	L	L	I	D	E	D	■	O	P	E	N
■	■	■	A	C	H	Y	■	C	R	E	S	T
S	E	R	G	E	I	■	T	O	N	■	■	■
P	L	U	G	■	A	D	U	L	A	T	E	S
A	L	I	E	■	N	E	S	■	T	U	P	I
R	A	N	D	■	A	S	K	■	E	M	I	T

DOWN

1 Firing of a gun
2 Lima is its capital city
3 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
4 Cavalry soldier
5 Soc. of Auto. Engrs.
6 Instrument Landing Sys.
7 "Retired" in short?
8 Clean by rubbing hard
9 The nearest star - Alpha ___?
10 Pet name for Margaret
11 Billiards stick
17 Greek capital to Air India
19 Cloth fragment
22 Tail end - especially of an animal
23 Treatment centre (abbrev.).
25 Stop up with earth
26 Hardy heroine
27 Invitation request
28 Israeli carrier (2,2)
29 The act of nodding the head
30 "Road" anagram for a girl's name?
34 Ms Sharma recently seen in PK
37 Snow-country footwear
39 __ in the bud : arrest growth
40 Fountain in Rome
43 Modify the text
45 Observed or noticed
46 Exhort or persuade
47 The orient
48 ___ la la... : song humming?
49 ___ on : squeal or complain about?
50 Air Data Comp.
51 J&K district



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

B'D OBVA ZN NZXXZIBPY DU THRCDO. B'D EQOJ YZBPY JZ COA

JFRD IFRHR JFRU'HR YZBPY CPT FZZA QL IBJF JFRD XCJRH

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that carries any reward.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Saheba	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Krishna S/O CM	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Mass Leader	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
March 22	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raj Vishnu	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Dandupalya -2	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Operation Alamelamma	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Kaafi Thota	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
5G	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
TAMIL			
Vivegam	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINIDI			
A Gentle Man	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
Babumoshai Bandookbaaz	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Annabelle: Creation-2D	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
.....	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Vivegam (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Annabelle: Creation (E)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 7.50
	(S-3)	5.00 pm
A Gentle Man (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 1.45 pm
	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Saheba (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Kaafi Thota (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	5.20 pm
Babumoshai Bandookbaaz (H)	(S-2)	9.50 pm;(S-3) 10.20 am
The Hitman's Bodyguard (E)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Dark Tower (E)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Arjun Reddy (Te)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.55 pm

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Annabelle: Creation (E)	(S-1)	12.00noon,4.55pm,9.55pm
Vivegam (Ta)	(S-2)	9.50 am,3.55pm,9.50pm
Saheba (K)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am; 1.10 pm
Qaidi Band (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Krishna S/O CM (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
March 22	(S-2)	12.50 pm
A Gentleman (H)	(S-1)	2.15 pm, 7.10 pm,
	(S-3)	9.55 am, 9.45 pm
Babumoshai Bandookbaaz (H)	(S-1)	9.40 am
Arjun Reddy (Te)	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Sniff (H)	(S-3)	5.20 pm
Dark Tower (E)	(S-4)	6.55 pm
5th Generation (K)	(S-3)	3.05 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON WEDNESDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 8.30 Radio Doctor, 8.35 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Hindustani Classical Music, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Film Songs, 4.30 Folk Songs, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.30 Vocal Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

6:30 pm Bin Kuch Kahe	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main	6:00 pm Crime Patrol - Satark
7:00 Sethji	Saanjh Piyaji	7:00 Yeh Moh Ke Dhaage
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
Dekhi Nahi Kahi	8:00 Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?	8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:30 Chandra Nandni	8:30 Pehredaar Piya Ki
8:30 Piya Albela	9:00 Naamkarann	9:00 Beyhadh
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
6:00pm Destroyed in Seconds	6:30 Hero ISL Draft Special	6:00pm Monkey Thieves
6:30 What Happened Next?	7:00 Knight Club	6:30 Science of Stupid
7:00 Man vs. Wild	7:30 Cricket Countdown	7:00 Nat Geo Investigates
8:00 River Monsters	8:00 Best of Cricket Live	8:00 Animal Fight Club
9:00 India's Frontier Railways	8:30 Australia Tour of India 2013	9:00 India's Mega Kitchens
10:00 The Island with Bear Grylls	9:00 Australia Tour of India 2013	10:00 Tiger on the Run
11:00 Naked and Afraid	9:30 Cricket Countdown	11:00 Do or Die : Deadly Rapids
	10:00 Hero ISL Draft Special	
6:00 Oggy & the Cockroaches	6:30 pm Ganga	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
6:30 Larva	7:30 Kula Deivam	7:00 Sarayoo
7:00 Roll no 21 and the Quest for Swarnamani	8:00 Deiva Magal	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	8:30 Vamsam	8:00 Kaveri
9:00 Teen Titans Go	9:00 Nandini	8:30 Nandini
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:30 Vani Rani	9:00 Jeevanadhi
	10:00 Priyamanaval	9:30 Aramane

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:15pm **X-Men: First Class**	6:15pm **Batman v Superman**	7:41 pm **Wrecker**
9:00 **Ice Age: The Meltdown**	9:00 **The Hangover Part II**	9:00 **Austin Powers**
10:52 **Real Steel**	10:54 **Transformers**	10:30 **New Fist of Fury**
		11:57 **The Stepfather**
5:00pm **Daringbaaz Khiladi 2**	5:32pm **Jaan**	4:30pm **Paap Ko Jalaa Kar Raakh Kar Doonga**
9:00 **Magadheera**	9:00 **Rowdy No.1**	7:20 **Teleshopping Telemart**
	11:48 **Durga IPS**	8:20 **Malamaal Weekly**
5:15pm **Fast and Furious 6**	4:00pm **Naa Ninna Bida-laare**	3:40pm **Gangaajal**
8:00 **The Karate Kid**	7:00 **Gadi Bidi Krishna**	6:55 **Singham Returns**
11:03 **The International**	10:00 **Athiratha Maharatha**	10:00 **Taarzan**

EVENTS TODAY (AUG.29)

Sahara Art and Craft: Shopping Festival-2017, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Alumni Association of Sportspersons Represented University of Mysore: National Sports Day celebrations, Prize Distribution Ceremony of Mysuru District-level High School Boys and Girls Kho-Kho and High School Boys Wrestling Tournament (2017-18), Karnataka Wrestling Association Working President Prof. K.R. Rangaiah chief guest, DPE of University of Mysore Director (in-Charge) Dr. P. Krishnaiah will be present, Alumni Association of Sportspersons Represented University of Mysore President and retd. DPE Director Dr. C. Krishna presides, Mysore University Sports Pavilion, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt: 38th Chaturmasya Vratam of Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt Pontiff Sri Vidyesha Teertha Swamiji, 'Harinama Sankeerthana' by Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse, Sri Venkatachaladhama, Ramaswamy Circle, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust: Ganesha Festival, 56th Heritage Music Festival, Gamaka Vachana programme on 'Kumaravyasa Bharata,' **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Hindustani Vocal recital by **Pt. Fayaz Khan,** accompanied by Pt. Deepak Marathe on Harmonium and Ustad Ravindra Yavagalon on Tabla, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, **6.45 pm onwards.**

Amara Kala Sangha: Prize Distribution, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa, B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara guests, theatre artiste Prof. H.S. Umesh presides, felicitation to artist C.R. Gururaja Rao and theatre artiste S.K. Subbanna, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Dashalakshana Parva of Bhadrapada Maasa, Discourse by H.P. Mohan Kumar Shastry, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG.30)

Avadhoota Datta Peetha: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, Discourse on Yoga Vashista by Sri Swamiji, **7.30 am;** Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa etc., Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Ooty Road, **8.30 am.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Shopping Festival-2017, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

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AIMIT (Adithya Institute of Management and Information Technology): Launching of 'Employment Ready Programmes' HPE Software University, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao chief guest, former Kuvempu University VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda delivers keynote address, HP authorised training partner M.L. Manohar guest of honour and Malavalli Foundation Managing Trustee Prof. M.N. Shivaram presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

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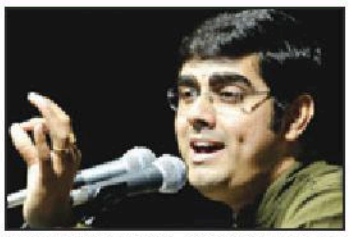


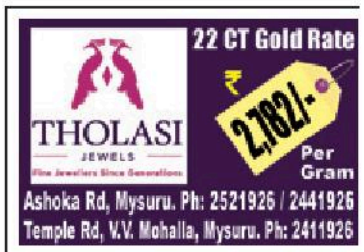
Vocal recital by **Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan,** accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on Violin, accompanied by Padma Vibhushan Vid. Umayalapuram K. Sivaraman on Mridanga, Vid. Giridhar Udupa on Khanjeera, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, **6.45 pm onwards.**

Vishwamanava - Vidyarthi Yuva Vedike: State-level Inter-College Cultural Fest, CM Siddharamaiah inaugurates, MLA Vasu presides, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MA M.K. Somashekar, former Kuvempu University VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda and senior journalist Sadashiva Hulgur chief guests, State-level Kuvempu Aniketana Award will be conferred on writer Dr. C. Naganna, KIKS Professor Prof. Nilgiri Talwar speaks about the awardee, Vedike Founder-President M.J. Suresh Gowda delivers keynote address, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Dashalakshana Parva of Bhadrapada Maasa, Discourse by Vidu. D. Tejaswini, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm.**

Calling Mahila Mandalis

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja has organised Patriotic Songs and Devaranama Group Singing Contests for Mahila Mandalis at Ganapati Temple premises in Ramakrishnanagar I-Block tomorrow (Aug.30) at 1.30 pm. For details, contact S. Padmavati, Secretary, Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja, on Mob: 98808-45589.



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